**SERMON**  **Faith for the Future** Part 3 **MARK 13**

Jesus is telling us 3 things:

1. What life will be like after He’s ascended.

2. What we need to know to live faithfully until he comes back.

3. How to live with faith for the future.

**Point 1: Disciples are to be discerning. v5-8**

**a. False teachers v6**

2 Tim 4:3-4

1 Tim 1:10 – [teach] sound doctrine in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God.

**b. Misinterpreting current events v7-8**

**Point 2: Disciples are to be courageous. v9-23**

**Point 3: Disciples are hope-filled. v24-27**

**Point 4: Disciples are diligently faithful v28-37**

**Application/ Discussion:**

1. By way of reminder - what is the gospel?
2. What is a false gospel? What is a false teacher?
3. Why is it important to be clear about “the gospel of the glory of the Blessed God“ 1 Tim 1:11?
4. In what ways can we be tempted to correlate current events to end times? Why should we not be alarmed?
5. How would you answer somebody that says the recent rashes of wars, earthquakes and famines signal that Jesus‘ return is near?
6. What is the source of our ultimate courage in the face of upheaval, opposition or persecution?
7. In what way does the destruction of the temple in AD 70 have relevance for Christians today?
8. What aspect of Jesus returning as the Son of Man prophesied in Daniel 7:9-19,13 -14 fill you with hope?
9. What does it mean that each of us should be doing ‘our work ‘ while the Master is gone? What is the work Jesus is talking about?
10. What are some examples that can keep us from “staying awake“, “being on guard” or not being alert?